

ABSTRACT

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Data Format Conversion

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Apparatus for applying a signature or other hand written data to a file or document created, stored and/or displayed in html format, comprising input means (10) for electronically capturing hand written data and including storage means (12) for storing the data in bit map format. The apparatus further includes a module (14) which attaches a key or link into a computer programme being used to create an html document such as an e-mail and creates an option (16) for selection by the user when the hand written data (18) is required to be added to the document (20). When the option (16) is selected, the module (14) cause a routine which gets the stored data from the storage means (12) and converts the data from bit map format to html format, which is the same format as that used to create a web page or conventional e-mail. Once the text is converted to html format, it is added to the e-mail being created at a position chosen by the user.

[Figure 1]